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Base chapel will hold service at 3 p.m. today



# WRIGHT TIMES

## TERRO hits hard at home



Sept. 11

### Terror timeline

**8:45 a.m.:** A large plane, possibly a hijacked airliner, crashes into one of the World Trade Center towers, tearing a gaping hole in the building and setting it afire.

**9:03 a.m.:** A second plane, apparently a passenger jet, crashes into the second World Trade Center tower and explodes. Both buildings are burning.

**9:43 a.m.:** An aircraft crashes into the Pentagon, sending up a huge plume of smoke. Evacuation begins immediately.

**10:05 a.m.:** The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses, plummeting into the streets below. A massive cloud of dust and debris forms and slowly drifts away from the building.

**10:10 a.m.:** A portion of the Pentagon collapses.

**10:10 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 93 crashes in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, southeast of Pittsburgh.

**10:28 a.m.:** The World Trade Center's north tower collapses from the top down as if it were being peeled apart, releasing a tremendous cloud of debris and smoke.

**10:48 a.m.:** Police confirm the crash of a large plane in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

**2 p.m.:** Senior FBI sources tell CNN they are working on the assumption that the four air-planes that crashed were hijacked as part of a terrorist attack.

### Anti- terrorism tips

By Senior Airman  
Bryan Bouchard  
Public Affairs

Terror has plagued the Middle East for decades and in the new millennium, things don't appear to be changing. This became very evident Tuesday when America fell victim to what is being called the worst act of terrorism ever.

This leaves many Americans wondering if they are safe, especially on an American military installation such as Seymour Johnson.

According to 4th Security Forces Squadron anti-terrorism experts, Seymour may not be immune to terrorists, but the men and women of that squadron are here to ensure nothing happens to bring terror to Goldsboro.

"A significant portion of America's warfighting capabilities are right here in North Carolina," officials said. "With the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, the VIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg and the 4th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing right here, we

can only imagine how opportune this looks to a terrorist group looking for potential targets."

American citizens at home and abroad remain potential targets for terrorists. This leaves many people on Seymour wondering if they are safe.

According to 4th Security Forces Squadron anti-terrorism/force protection officials, Seymour Johnson may not be immune to terrorists, but the men and women of the 4th SFS are here to ensure nothing happens to bring terror to Goldsboro.

"The Seymour Johnson Family

must remain vigilant because in the eyes of terrorists, there are no innocents," officials said.

Security forces officials recommend people do the following to help avoid becoming the target of a terrorist action:

1. Know your surroundings
2. Think OPSEC and COMSEC at all times
3. Keep family informed of what's going on

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■ **Air Force** responds to terrorist attacks.

■ **No panic** during Pentagon evacuation.

■ **Quigley:** Call your loved ones and let them know you're okay.

### The more you know

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### News

Cops solve bike theft case

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**Weekend Weather**

**Sunday** Mostly sunny  
Hi: 78 Low: 55

**Saturday** Cloudy, chance of P.M. showers  
Hi: 81 Low: 68

Weather information provided by the 4 OSS weather flight.



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### Air Force activates hotline

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** - The Air Force activated a toll-free telephone service at the Air Force News Agency here at 1:30 p.m. CDT in response to the apparent terrorist attacks in the United States. The Air Force hot line telephone number is (800) 253-9276. Lines will be staffed continuously until further notice to answer general questions from family members about Air Force people possibly affected by these attacks.

# Let's not lose sight of why we're here

By Senior Airman  
Bryan Bouchard  
Public Affairs

“Tuesday night was the first night in 24 years, I did not see any of those ...”

Growing up in Oregon, I had the good fortune of looking up and seeing clear, unpolluted skies at night. As a kid, I would stare up at the night sky while camping in the mountains and I would try and count the stars.

I remember, when I was real young, asking my older brother what the blinking, moving stars in the sky were, and inquiring whether or not they were UFOs.

He'd tell me they were just airplanes moving people from place to place, probably to Portland, Seattle or San Francisco.

That was a long time ago but now, at 24 years old, I still look up at the sky in amazement, being sure not to dismiss the planes flying above for UFOs.

Tuesday night was the first night in 24 years, I did not see any of those blinking, moving stars.

This is when I fully realized the magnitude of the events that happened Tuesday. I did a lot of realizing that night, as I know all of us did.

I watched more television Tuesday than should be healthy for an adult human being. During my 18-hour addiction to news channels, which if you noticed was almost every channel Tuesday night, I saw things that made me wince in anticipation, shudder in fear and then boil in anger.

The sights I saw were the worst things I have ever seen in my entire life. I wished I could have been somewhere so I could do something about the terror I saw

on my little box in my living room.

Then it hit me. I am doing something about it every single day.

Six years ago, I swore into the Air Force. By doing so, I said to my family, friends and the American people, I will do whatever it takes to ensure our way of life - and we need not forget this.

Whether we're cooking food, carrying an M-16 or even like me, making a newspaper, we are doing our parts to ensure our

ways of life are never denied us. We are a unique breed; we are the “volunteer” military force of the modern United States. We must remain vigilant and continue to perform our duties to the best of our abilities, regardless of what goes on around us. Believe it or not, the people of Wayne County feel safer because we're around - and we cannot let them down. So let's keep updated on what's going on around us, but not forget why we're here ... to put bombs on target - anytime, anywhere.



Gerry C. Gilmore / AFIS

## Stories from the road

### A simple lesson in giving from the Robins AFB command chief

By Chief Master Sgt.  
Susan Moore  
93rd Air Control Wing command  
chief master sergeant

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (ACCNS) - It's been said to be born free is an accident, to live free is a privilege and to die free is a responsibility. While traveling on official business, I've met a number of people who reminded me of that obligation.

I was in St. Louis recently waiting for a flight in uniform. As so often happens a person came over to talk. People ask questions about my stripes, want to know if I have a family and ask me if I fly. That day Robert Sutton had a story to tell.

He was an aerial photographer during World War II. He told me about the missions over Italy and Germany. He said, “The crews were so young. I don't think anyone was over 25.” He told me about

the missions where half the squadron didn't come back. So many friends lost. He still sees their faces and remembers. He can't bring himself to see “Saving Private Ryan.”

Robert was traveling with Betty, his wife. They have been married for 45 years. Betty told me about her first husband who was a pilot during the war. He was killed in a raid over Italy. Robert knew him, and said he was a good man. Betty still thinks of him. He died when he was 23.

The Suttons were on their way to a reunion of Robert's old squadron. There weren't many original squadron members left anymore, he said.

I was very moved by the stories of Robert and Betty Sutton. I shook their hands and thanked them for their service and their sacrifices. Robert's eyes filled with tears and he said, “I've seen the cemeteries in England and France where so many Americans are buried. On

every Election Day those pictures should be plastered on the front of every newspaper with a caption 'Don't you think they would vote if they could?' ”

Robert Sutton understands freedom isn't free and we shouldn't take it for granted. It's common for men to assume the burden of protecting our freedom, and more recently for women to share equally in that burden. However, it wasn't always so.

I sat next to Lt. Col. Mark Young on a flight into Washington D.C. He told me about his mother who served in the Air Force during the Korean War. She was assigned to Walker AFB in Roswell, New Mexico, as a ground radar technician. She worked hard, did her job well and wanted to make the Air Force her career. However, when she got pregnant she was not given a choice and was given an honorable discharge.

Colonel Young was obviously very proud of his mother and all she had

accomplished. I suggested he register her at the Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. I thought about what it must have been like for a woman to be in the military in the '50s. She had the courage to serve when the barriers were great and the opportunities were limited. However, her actions made her son proud and motivated him to follow in her footsteps. She went before me and helped prepare the way.

Mothers and fathers understand the meaning of sacrifice, and so do our children. I met a man who paid dearly and lives with the pain of sacrifice every day.

I was one of the last passengers to deplane on a flight into Norfolk. The pilot, Peter Boyd, stopped me and told me his father was in the Air Force. His dad went to Vietnam and left behind a 10-year-old boy. Dad gave him a ball and glove and told him to take care of them. He would be back to play catch

with his son. He never returned. He was killed by a sniper. Peter still has that ball and glove.

He told me he's been to the “Wall” many times. He puts his hand on his dad's name and tells him how much he misses him. In my mind, I see a grieving 10-year-old boy holding a ball and glove, missing his dad.

These stories are a reflection of who we are as a people. We are a young country. But we know what works. Freedom works. We know what is right. Freedom is right. We also know that many have gone before us, maybe not intending to sacrifice but sacrificing just the same. Dying in battle, grieving a loss or breaking a barrier.

I'm grateful for the privilege of wearing the uniform of my country and to give something back.

When I travel in uniform, I've learned a simple lesson in giving: listen to the stories and say thank you.



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Edgington

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Seymour Johnson's Action Line is brought to the base by 4th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. David Edgington.

It provides a communication channel for people to obtain information and assistance in making Seymour a better place to live and work.

Edgington asks that before calling the Action Line, people should try to resolve their particular problem with the responsible base agencies listed here:

Base exchange	735-8512	Military pay	722-5373
Chaplain	722-0315	AFOSI	722-1220
Civil engineering	722-5139	Public Affairs	722-0027
Civilian pay	722-5358	Safety	722-4093
Commissary	722-0321	Security forces	722-0121
Military equal opportunity	722-1180	Services	722-5331
Inspector general	722-0008	Transportation	722-5089
Housing maintenance	736-7021	Travel pay	722-5362
TRICARE	(800) 931-9501	Youth center	722-0339



*A day we'll never forget*



Jim Garamone / AFIS

Smoke and flames rose over the Pentagon at about 10 a.m. Sept. 11, following a suspected terrorist crash of a commercial airliner into the side of the building.

**President Bush returns to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. The president was in Florida when he learned of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Soon after his arrival, he addressed the nation live from the Oval Office.**



Senior Airman Neal X. Joiner / Andrews VI

## Bush: No distinction between attackers and those who harbor them

**By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - President George W. Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

"The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law-enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice," Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America's history. "We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

At about 9 a.m. today, suspected terrorists crashed two hijacked commercial airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, while a third collapsed a portion of the Pentagon shortly after. No casualty figures are yet available, but officials have said they expect them to be very high.

"Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror," Bush said, in describing the acts. But, he said, the attackers failed to "frighten our nation into chaos and retreat."

"Our country is strong. A great people have been moved to defend a great nation," Bush said. "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

The president said America was targeted for attack because "we are the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world, and no one will keep that light from shining."

He reassured the country that the U.S. military is strong and prepared.

"America has stood down enemies before and we will do so this time," Bush said. "None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world."



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi / AFNS

**A U.S. flag is set outside the pentagon after a hijacked commercial jetliner crashed into it, Sept 11, 2001. The pentagon attack followed an attack on the twin towers of the New York World Trade Center in what is being called the worst terrorist attack in history.**

## DOD official provides briefing after Pentagon attack

**By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11, 2001 - Survivors of today's apparent terrorist attack against the Pentagon are urged to contact relatives to assure them of their safety, a Pentagon spokesman said today.

"We are asking ... people to phone their families and loved ones immediately to let them know that they are OK," DoD spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley told reporters outside the Pentagon at midafternoon. It was the first official DoD news briefing

after the incident.

Quigley said he had no information on the allegedly hijacked commercial aircraft that crashed into an outside wall of the Pentagon around 9:30 a.m. Eastern time today.

However, he remarked, "This was no accident."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was in the Pentagon at the time of the crash, and he walked outside the building to investigate and offer help, Quigley said. The admiral noted that the injured had been taken "to a variety of area hospitals" and added that Pentagon officials are working to provide a list of injured.

"We will work our way through to identifying them and getting their names out to their loved ones," Quigley said.

The Pentagon incident followed two other alleged aerial hijackings that resulted in crashes that ultimately collapsed the 110-story twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. All U.S. airports have been closed.

Quigley said defense officials began to assemble a crisis action team after the second aircraft struck the World Trade Center.

"Shortly after that, the aircraft hit (the Pentagon)," he concluded.

## Air Force responds to attack

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - The Air Force is working around the clock to coordinate relief to victims of terrorist attacks that took place Sept. 11.

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency immediately following the first reports of these attacks and offered maximum Air Force assets including personnel and equipment.

The Air Force is mobilizing medical critical care units, aeromedical evacuation teams, and critical incident stress management experts and other airlift assets in support of the president's activation of the National Disaster Medical System.

Expeditionary medical support teams are mobilized in response to the disasters. Teams from Langley Air Force Base, Va.; Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Lackland AFB, Texas; and Travis AFB, Calif., are being positioned at various staging facilities. These teams comprise portable hospitals composed of surgical teams, critical care specialists and public health teams, and other specialties.

Additionally, the Air Force is assisting with the distribution of blood supplies to the locations where they are most needed. Locations of the staging centers are not releasable at this time due to security concerns.

## No panic during Pentagon evacuation

**By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - Personnel who left the Pentagon after a terrorist attack said the evacuation of the building early Sept. 11 was remarkably calm.

An eyewitness said a "large plane" crashed into the Pentagon near the heliport on the west side of the building. One Army lieutenant colonel who worked near the building segment hit by the plane said everyone in his office was gathered around the television watching coverage of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City when the plane crashed into the Pentagon.

"We felt a thump and saw the flash," said the colonel. "All of us and others gathered and went toward the site. We couldn't get close."

The colonel said all the people in his section evacuated and met outside the building.

"There was no panic," he said. "Most people went in a calm and orderly way."

He said it was not until after he and his co-workers left the building that they realized the extent of the damage.

The Pentagon was built in 1941 out of reinforced concrete. It is laid out in five concentric pentagonal "rings," the "E" being the outermost and "A" the innermost. The jet cut the building like a knife. It did not penetrate all the way into the center courtyard, but did reach the "B" ring.

Beyond the heliport, where the crash occurred, authorities set up a triage site. Military medics and civilian emergency care providers worked together to provide aid. Civilian firefighters from many jurisdictions joined to fight the blaze.

Many officers, noncommissioned officers and civilians volunteered to aid emergency care providers in helping rescue victims. The volunteers staged on Washington Boulevard. Beyond them was a makeshift heliport that evacuated the most seriously injured to medical care.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## AEF outreach briefing held in theater

An Air Combat Command team holds two Aerospace Expeditionary Force outreach briefings Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the base theater. The objective of the briefings is to educate and update Air Force members on the construct of AEF and the changes they can expect in cycle three, to introduce capabilities with online services and review Air Force tools, which enable commanders to prepare for AEF deployments. For more information, call 722-0022.

## MDG prepares healthcare survey

The Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations conducts an accreditation survey of the 4th Medical Group Sept. 24-28. The survey evaluates the 4 MDG's compliance with national joint commission standards. The standards include quality of care issues and safety where care is provided. Anyone with pertinent information about these matters may request a public information interview with the commission's fields representative during the time of the survey. Requests must be sent in writing to the Joint Commission at the Division of Accreditation Operations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 1 Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., 60181, five working days prior to the survey start. The 4th MDG will notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

## Det. 15 change of command today

The Detachment 15 change of command is today at 11 a.m., in the 333rd Fighter Squadron's Main Briefing room. Lt. Col. Dwight Mentzer Jr. will assume command from Lt. Col. Kenneth Garrison. For more information, call 722-3648.

## OSI warns against fraud

The British Ministry of Defence Police and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations are currently conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to U.S. and other authorized people in and around the Royal Air Force bases Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas within the United Kingdom. The allegations are that this company may have charged for damage to rental vehicles, which did not occur, and also that U.S. personnel may have been deceived into paying other fraudulent charges for vehicles. This scheme was cleverly disguised so that those who have been defrauded may not know they paid unnecessary or unlawful fees. In order to establish if you have been subjected to the frauds committed by this company call the local AFOSI unit at 722-1220.

## USAFA has commander openings

The US Air Force Academy has announced projected vacancies for cadet squadron commander and cadet group commander positions. Officers interested in the positions must submit their preference worksheets no later than Sept. 24. For more information, visit [www.afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/careerbroad.htm](http://www.afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/careerbroad.htm) or call Staff Sgt. Lara Burback at DSN 333-2810.

## SQ/CC board deadline Monday

The Air Education Training Command training and recruiting squadron commander board meets Oct. 2. Nomination packages are due to no later than Monday. Officers interested in recruiting commands can visit [www.rs.af.mil](http://www.rs.af.mil). For more information, call 2nd Lt. Craig Nordskog, at DSN 487-7744.

## Clinic ends same day surgeries

The 4th Medical Group no longer performs same-day surgeries requiring anesthesia in the Koritz Clinic. The 4 MDG will, however, continue to offer simple clinical procedures in the clinic. Patients who require surgical consultations will be referred out of the facility by their primary care management team to a facility in the TRICARE network. For more information, call 722-1760.

## Wood skills center hours change

The wood skills center, located next to Bellamorphosis, is now an appointment only facility. Call 722-0413 Saturdays to make an appointment.

## Munitions closed for inventory

The munitions operations section's semi-annual 100 percent closed warehouse inventory is now through until Monday. No munitions transactions will take place during this time with the exception of emergency issues. For more information, call 722-1427 or 722-1428.

## Commissary announces new hours

The new commissary hours are:

- Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

## TDY pay will be direct deposited

Due to a system upgrade in the integrated automated travel system all temporary duty reimbursements are now direct deposited into the same account as a person's military pay. For more information, call 722-5373.

## Thrift shop open Tues., Thurs.

The thrift shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. The shop is currently only taking winter items for consignment. The thrift shop is located at 3001 Andrews St. For more information, call 722-1189.

## Chanute Road closed

To accommodate Phase V of the military family housing construction, Chanute Road is closed from Scriven to Selfridge until further notice. For more information, call Ron Cunningham at 722-5534.

## Attic open; needs volunteers

The Airmen's Attic is open Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Top 3 sponsors a volunteer effort to keep the attic open until it is able to move to a new location. Volunteer slots are still available. For more information, call 722-5398.



## Base bike thieves caught ...

By Airman 1st Class  
Charity Jules  
Public Affairs

Nine-year-old Cati Garretson felt what any little girl would feel when she discovered her bike had been stolen a month ago; she was sad and disappointed.

For her parents, the feelings went beyond that.

"I was in shock because they stole it while I was in the house," said Tina Garretson. "It was far

back in the carport and I couldn't believe (the thieves) would have the nerve to take it while we were home."

For Cati's father the feelings went even deeper.

"I had come home from (swing shift) and I was aggravated the bike was gone," said Tech. Sgt. Calvin Garretson. "I couldn't believe a person in the military community would do this to another military member."

Luckily, for Cati this story had

a happy ending.

Staff Sgt. Ray Rice an investigator in the 4th Security Forces Squadron, who had been working for the past several months to solve the base's burgeoning bike theft problem, returned Cati's bike last week.

Rice began investigating the bike thefts on a hunch one evening in late July.

"I was a flight patrolman and I was just beginning my shift," said Rice. "Another patrolman told me about two kids he had seen around the neighborhood. He said he usually saw them walking, but that night he had seen them on bikes, and he'd thought they looked odd because they were too big for the bikes."

Rice and Airman 1st Class Timothy Batts took to the streets that night in an effort to locate to two kids.

It didn't take long.

"We were driving down Scriven Street and the suspect rode right up to the squad car door," said Rice. "He didn't have his helmet on, and so we followed him home so he could get it."

"While we were there, the boy's father came out and I asked him if the bike belonged to his son, he said 'no' and that was the beginning."

According to Rice, the investigation eventually implicated five juveniles who live on base. All five have been turned over to the Goldsboro Police Department for prosecution.

The investigation was thorough and catching the suspects was the result of proactive police work, said Rice.

"We had 18 witnesses, both juveniles and adults," he

explained. "A lot of people knew, saw or suspected something."

"The key was follow-up," Rice believes.

Though, cracking this case is good news, Rice knows this is not the end of the problem.

"We caught the group who were responsible for stealing BMX style bikes in the Wayne Manor housing area," explained Rice. "But we suspect there is another group of individuals still operating on base, stealing other styles of bikes."

This year 39 bikes have been reported stolen on base.

That is over a one 150 increase over the 15 bikes stolen in 2000.

This type of crime can be easily prevented, said Rice.

Security forces records indicate of the bikes stolen this year, only two were reported stolen while they were secured.

"I don't think there is a lot of crime on base," said Rice. "There is a lot of opportunity. We live in a safe environment and because of that, people fail to take normal precautions they would take off base."

"People leave their doors unlocked, their valuables unsecured, the keys in their cars," he continued. "We do a good job, but it takes everyone to stop crime."

Through the investigation, 19 bikes were accounted for. Three had been falsely reported stolen, six were attributed to the juvenile suspects, three were found by BMAR and seven others were recovered by their owners.

The 4 SFS has recovered other bikes whose owners have not been located.

For more information, call 722-1211.



Airman 1st Class Charity Jules / WT

**Security forces super-sleuth Staff Sgt. Ray Rice returns a stolen bicycle to its rightful owner, 9-year-old Cati Garitson Sept. 6.**



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi / AFNS

**Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche presents Gen. John P. Jumper with the chief of staff flag Sept. 6 during the change-of-command ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch (left) assists as Gen. Michael E. Ryan (rear), relinquishes command.**

## Jumper takes oath as CSAF

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - Gen. John P. Jumper became the 17th Air Force chief of staff following Gen. Michael E. Ryan's retirement Sept. 6 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, who presided over the joint retirement/assumption of command ceremony, administered the oath of office to Jumper.

Among the distinguished visitors attending the ceremony were Vice President Richard B. Cheney; Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch.

As the new chief, Jumper said he is committed to providing Air Force men and women with the resources, training,

equipment and leadership to make sure that when they go into harm's way, they emerge victorious with a score of 100-0.

He is also committed to the Air Force's transformation into an aerospace force.

"Our job is to lever this nation's technology in air and space to give the nation its greatest asymmetrical advantage," he said. "We will do this by continuing the process of transformation and making this Air Force the best air and space force the nation has ever seen."

Jumper said the Air Force would continue to build upon what Ryan has begun.

Prior to assuming his current position, Jumper was the commander of Air Combat Command, headquartered at Langley AFB, Va.

## JP-8 health study prompts call for protective gear upgrade

By Chief Master Sgt.  
Gary Emery  
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO (AFNS) - Preliminary results of a health study of exposure to JP-8 jet fuel have led the Air Force Surgeon General to recommend the use of more effective protective equipment for workers who come in contact with the fuel.

People were coming forward with health complaints after being exposed to JP-8, so the Surgeon General started to investigate worker's concerns, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Thomas Neal, chief consultant for occupational medicine at the Air Force Surgeon General's office.

Reported symptoms included dizziness, lightheadedness, skin irritation and objectionable taste and odor, records show. The Department of Defense completed a 20-year phased changeover from gasoline-based JP-4 to the safer and more versatile kerosene-based JP-8 in 1996.

Seymour hasn't had any problems in at least three year, said Christopher Williams, 4th ADOS industrial hygienist. He does annual and biannual industrial hygiene surveys depending on the job hazards, to include reviewing technical orders to ensure they are up-to-date with required the protective measures.

Information for the study, which compares health data from 169 fuel cell maintenance volunteers with 160 Air Force people who have no contact with JP-8, was gathered over an 18-month period at six stateside bases, Neal said.

Scientists and researchers from several major universi-

ties are participating in the \$3.6 million study, which is being funded by the Air Force and other government agencies, he said.

Study results so far indicate no long-term health hazards from JP-8 exposure, Neal said. For instance, medical records show no significant difference in reported ailments between the fuels workers and the control group.

But, Neal said, the study was specifically looking for acute, short-term health effects in a very narrowly defined group of workers - fuel cell maintainers.

Nevertheless, because short-term JP-8 exposure has unpleasant and uncomfortable side effects, the Air Force is ready to move ahead to the next step - investigating more effective protective clothing and reviewing procedures to ensure maximum personal protection for fuels workers, Neal said.

"For many years, people exposed to solvents - such as painters working in enclosed places - have experienced similar symptoms to those we're seeing in people who enter JP-8 fuel tanks to perform maintenance," Neal said. "But that doesn't mean we're not concerned, we need to be proactive in protecting our people."

"That's not to say we haven't done so already. We have protective equipment and technical orders in place, but we're taking the initiative to explore recent advances in equipment that may provide greater protection," he said.

"Our interest is our people," Neal said. "We want to do everything possible to keep them healthy and safe."

# Dining facility staff goes for the gold

*Southern Eagle welcomes visitors from ACC Food Service team*

*Wright Times Staff Report*

For the first time ever, the 4th Services Squadron's food services staff will vie for the Air Combat Command Food Service Excellence Award when they host a three-day visit from an ACC team Monday.

The ACC Food Service Excellence award goes to the best dining facility in ACC, said Tammy Amon of the 4 SVS marketing office. Once nominated as an ACC winner, the next level is the John L. Hennessy Trophy which goes to the best dining facility in the Air Force.

The team, which consists of Col. Alfred Perrie III, 2nd Lt. Mandy McDaniel, and Senior Master Sgt. Mark d'Entremont arrive here Monday, Amon said.

Amon said 4 SVS marketing

and food service team members have combined their creative talents in an effort to make this ACC visit one to remember.

So what does this visit mean to everyone at Seymour?

Capt. Grant Vineyard, 4 SVS combat support flight commander, said "winning the ACC Food Service Excellence Award would mean a great deal to the food service mission here. It will show the world that Seymour Johnson provides championship service for its people."

Vineyard added that the food service team got this far thanks to the efforts of the airmen in the dining facility.

"The airmen are the driving force behind our food service program's success," said Vineyard. "Their continued efforts to exceed customers expectations and original ideas

will show when the ACC team visits."

In addition, Vineyard said the food service staff has made several improvements this past year to include: implementing a "build your own" omelet bar; the addition of fresh entrée items during the midnight meal; rotated ethnic specialties from lunch to dinner meals, incorporated a Mongolian barbecue meal - utilizing the culinary skills of the 4th Fighter Wing Chiefs Group - and provided the best Cruise Night seen to date - complete with a drawing for a "Cruise to Nowhere" out of Wilmington, N.C.

Other changes have come from food service members listening to the needs and desires of their patrons - and acted on them.

"We have added an addition-

al hour to the dinner meal at the Eagles' Landing Flight Kitchen, shifting the midnight meal hours to accommodate night shift workers, and adjusting the dinner meal hours," said Vineyard. "They have received many positive comments from customers who enjoy the quality of food service they receive."

Amon pointed out that Air Force dining facilities have come a long way since the old "chow hall" days. In addition to their primary mission to feed military members, they now also serve a wide variety of well balanced meals with outstanding service. "We want nothing less than total quality for our customers," said Vineyard. "We don't want to just meet their needs, but truly please the customer."



Senior Airman Travis Riley / WT

**Airman Manuel Gomez, a cook at the Southern Eagle Dining Facility, cleans out a pan before it is washed Monday. The staff of the Southern Eagle is preparing for a visit from the Air Combat Command Food Service Excellence team.**

## AFRES opportunities for active duty, and some for recent retirees

The Air Force Reserve offers many career and educational benefits, some of which are the same as active duty.

The Reserve offers retraining opportunities along with opportunities to maintain proficiency

in a current career field.

In addition, the Reserve has opportunities for recent retirees from active duty.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kyle Almquist at 722-2260.

## BX opens new section Saturday

*Wright Times Staff Report*

The base exchange will start the holiday shopping season early, complete with a Santa Claus-marshalled parade Saturday, to celebrate the grand opening of Toyland, the new

toy section of the BX.

The parade begins at 11 a.m., in the BX parking lot.

The parade will feature Santa Claus, McGruff the Crime Dog, and characters from Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood, according to Mike Lanham, main store director.

Toyland is located in what

used to be the garden section of the store, where most of the toys already existed.

Most exchanges, worldwide celebrate the holiday season with a special section set aside just for children's toys. Toyland should be open through the holidays.

But the parade and toys aren't all that Lanham hopes will draw people into the BX Saturday.

Other activities to celebrate the grand opening will include an Oreos-stacking contest, a Lego construction zone and pictures with Santa Claus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first 100 children to attend will receive a goody-bag.

For more information, people may call the BX at 735-9801.

## Inside the gate

**Comedy:** The all star comedy jam is Saturday at 9 p.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. For more information, call 722-1340.

**CPR and first aid courses:** The red cross is offering a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid course Monday through Wednesday at 6.p.m. People who want to take the course must register by e-mail at

SusanSpell@seymourjohnson.af.mil or by stopping by the front desk in the family support center. When registering by e-mail, people need to include their include name, address, and phone number where they can be reached.

The course is broken down into three classes, adult CPR, infant and child CPR, and first aid. The cost for the entire

course is \$45. One or two classes may be taken at a reduced rate. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 722-1120.

**Cooking demonstration:** The Family Place, located at 705 Chandler Rd., hosts an alternative cooking class Sept. 26 from 6-7 p.m. The class teaches people to cook for a healthier lifestyle. For information, call 722-0407.

**Oktoberfest:** The 3rd Annual Oktoberfest featuring the Little German Band is Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the officers' club. The open rank event will feature German beer and bratwurst. For more information, call 722-1340.

**Volunteer Program:** There are many volunteering opportunities for people who want

to donate time and receive job training. Opportunities exist with such organizations as the Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, the Literacy Program, the American Red Cross, the soup kitchen, family support center, the chapel and more. Child care, with an on base family child care provider, is paid for by Air Force Aid for military identification card holders who volunteer. For more information, call Pam Stansbury at 722-1123.

**Job fair:** The family support center hosts a job fair Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the officers' club. National and local employers will be at the fair. The family support center suggests that people interested in the fair prepare by attending a career focus workshop at FSC. For more

information, call 722-1123.

**NASCAR tickets:** NASCAR tickets are available through outdoor recreation. The United Auto Workers General Motors Quality 500 in Charlotte Oct. 7 is \$93; the Martinsville Old Dominion 500 in Virginia is \$65. For more information, call 722-1106.

**Youth center planning:** The youth center has weekly meetings for teens to get involved with the planning stage of activities. The Torch Club meeting, for children ages 10-13, is Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. and the Keystone club meetings, for youth ages 14-18; are Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. For information, call the youth center at 722-0334.

**Transition assistance program:** The family support

center offers many courses for individuals who are preparing to separate or retire from the military through the transition assistance program. TAP is geared to equip military and civilian personnel and their families with skills and knowledge for reentry into the private sector. Every person leaving active duty or retiring must attend the mandatory TAP program. The class, which covers 18 major subjects, such as Veterans Affairs benefits, is Sept. 24 and 27 at 1 p.m., in the family support center. People wanting to learn more about benefits that are provided to them after leaving military service can attend a TAP workshop Sept. Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will be held in the officers' club. Enrolling in the workshop

doesn't fulfill the mandatory TAP requirement. For more information on the TAP program, call the family support center at 722-1123.



### Chapel schedule

#### Catholic

•Weekend Mass: Saturday - 5:30 p.m., Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
•Weekday Mass: Weekdays - 11:30 a.m. to noon  
•Confessions: Saturday - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., weekdays by request  
•The Catholic Women of the Chapel meets the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For information, call 751-0140.

#### Protestant Services

•Sunday services:  
8 a.m. - Liturgical worship service  
9:30 a.m. - Religious education, ages three through adult, meets in Bldg. 4403  
10:45 a.m. - Extended religious education  
11 a.m. - Traditional service  
12:30 p.m. - Inspirational service  
•The Protestant men meet at 9 a.m. every first Saturday of the month.  
•The Protestant women meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month.  
•For more information, or to contact a chaplain during duty hours, call 722-0315. To contact a chaplain after duty hours, call the command post at 722-2679.

## Outside the gate

**Fort Fisher:** The fall season at Ft. Fisher is now underway, which means there will be reduced rates on accommodations. Ft. Fisher is located an hour-and a-half south-east of Goldsboro in Kure Beach, just past Wilmington on Hwy. 281. For more information, call toll free at (800) 645-9725.

**Mom's Morning Out Program:** The Garriss Chapel United Methodist Church on Piney Grove Road in Goldsboro has begun a mom's morning out program Wednesday mornings from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The program is free. Also, anyone interested in participating in a playgroup for children five-yeas-

old and under may call Susan Spengler at 566-9061 for more information.

**Local theater:** The Center Stage Theater group is presenting "Nunsense II" at the Paramount Theater Sept. 13-16. For more information, call 736-3300.

#### WCC Offers Courses Online:

Many Wayne Community College continuing education courses are offered on-line. Registration must be completed by Monday. Visit <http://ed2go.com/waynecc> for course listings. For more information, call Wayne Madry at 735-5152, ext. 759.



#### Friday

7 p.m. *Americas Sweethearts* (PG-13)

9 p.m. *Jurassic Park* (PG)

#### Saturday

2 p.m. *Osmosis Jones* (PG)

9 p.m. *Original Sin* (r 13)

#### Sunday

7 p.m. *The Score* (R)